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Supporting our Communities

CENTRAL SAN DIEGO HOSTS EVENT
HONORING LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS

On a recent sunny San Diego morning, over 40 local non-profit leaders gathered at the Old Globe in Balboa Park to participate in what is now considered an annual event—the Central San Diego Gifting Event. Store managers, bankers and support staff were asked to select a non-profit in their community to receive a \$1,000 donation. Team members invited representatives from their chosen organization to attend a reception and formal program to receive their check.



Kicked off by Region President **Lauren Tobiassen**, the event was not only a chance to present an impressive \$40,000 in donations, but also provided a forum for community leaders to see the great work Wells Fargo does. “We encourage our team members to participate in causes that personally touch them and I think this creates stronger relationships within the community,” said Lauren.

Organizations that support many different areas of need, such as youth mentoring programs, cultural centers

and cancer support groups were represented. The diversity of the groups at the gifting event was astounding!

Representatives from the non-profits expressed their gratitude with similar messages of thanks and hope. Many also shared their plans for the \$1,000 donation. Some highlights included:

The Huck-Fin Program— This organization supports environmental education and plans to use the donation to build a windmill to generate power.



The Jonathan Tarr Foundation—

This group is dedicated to helping needy high school students and will use the funds to offer alternative learning scholarship programs.

Meals on Wheels— This national organization provides meals for senior citizens who are not physically capable or cannot afford to make healthy meals for themselves.

Rady Children’s Hospital— The hospital plans to use the donation for purchasing stuffed animals to help comfort sick children as they go through treatment.

The event was a true success and is already being planned for 2008. For information on how you can become involved and get volunteer credit for the work you do, log onto Volunteer Wells Fargo! on the A-Z site on Teamworks. Looking for another way to support your community? Participate in the annual Community Support Campaign later this month! ■

